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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Intelligence Community Affairs
Office of General Counsel

FROM:

Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: International Security and Satellite
Monitoring Act of 1989, H.R. 1574

1. Attached for your information is a copy of the above-captioned bill, which was also introduced during the last Congress. It aims to revise the "open skies" policy to increase international security and stability by establishing a commission to study, among other topics, the facilitation of current efforts to control terrorism and narcotics trafficking. The commission would also review the existing civilian remote-sensing programs. Its members would be non-Federal Government employees appointed by the Congress and the Agency would have one advisory member appointed by the President. The commission's findings would be transmitted to Congress and to the President.

2. There is currently no action scheduled on the bill, which has been referred to the House Intelligence Committee in conjunction with other committees. You may telephone me on [redacted] with your comments at your earliest convenience.

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SEC. 9. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) Hearings and Sessions.--The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out section 4, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate.

(b) Obtaining Official Data.--(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission may secure directly from any Federal department or agency of the United States information necessary to enable it to carry out section 4.

(2) Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of a department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

(3) In the event that such information includes national security information that has been classified according to criteria contained in an Executive order, upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of a department or agency shall expedite the security investigations of members of the Commission in order that such members may gain access to the classified information.

(c) Mails.--The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States.

(d) Administrative Support Services.--The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Commission may request.

SEC. 10. REPORTS.

(a) Comprehensive Report.--The Commission shall transmit to the President and to each House of Congress not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act a comprehensive report containing a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission and such recommendations as it considers appropriate.

(b) Preliminary Reports.--Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Commission from transmitting preliminary reports to the President and to Congress.

(c) Transmittals to Congress.--When transmitting reports to Congress under subsections (a) and (b), the Commission shall transmit a copy of such reports to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the majority leader of the Senate.

SEC. 11. TERMINATION.

The Commission shall terminate on the date 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1990, to remain available until expended, and such additional sums as may be necessary.
